

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending in this Application. Claims 1, 11, 13 and 18 have been amended and new Claim 20 is presented for consideration by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims.

With respect to the incorporation by reference, the references do not contain essential material. Applicants, therefore, do not believe that any material should be inserted into the specification. However, Page 4 of the Specification has been amended to include Application Numbers.

A terminal disclaimer for U.S. Patent No. 6,761,934 is attached hereto. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the obviousness type double patenting rejection.

The rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph is respectfully traversed. Support for Claims 4, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16 and 19 can be found, for example, on Page 9, Line 14, Page 8, Line 28, Page 3, Line 19, Page 9, Lines 31-34, Page 12, Line 21 and 29, Page 22, Line 14 and Tables 10/11, among other portions of the instant specification. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

The rejection of Claims 1 and 19 under 35 U.S.C 102(b) as being anticipated by, or 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over McGowan et al. (U.S.P.N. 6,033,495), is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 18. Therefore, McGowan does not anticipate or render Claim 1 obvious. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of these rejections.

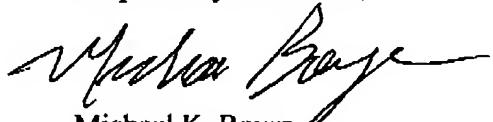
The rejection of Claims 1, 5, 15 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bartak et al. (U.S.P.N. 5,266,412), is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 18. Therefore, Bartak et al do not teach each and every aspect of Claim 1.

This Application is related to commonly assigned U.S. Patent Nos. 6,149,794; 6,258,243; 6,153,080; and 6,322,687; and Application Serial Nos. 09/816,879; 09/755,072; 09/814,641; 10/211,094; and 10/211,029. Applicants respectfully request consideration of these patents and patent applications as well as the references cited therein.

Applicants believe that the claimed invention defines patentable subject matter and request issuance of a Notice of Allowability. Please find attached hereto a Petition For A Two Month Extension Of Time. Should there be any fee due in connection with this Response, please charge the same to Deposit Account No. 15-0680 (Orscheln Management Co.). Should the Examiner deem that any further action on the part of Applicant would be desirable, the Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' attorney.

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